GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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ORAL CANCER PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of oral cancer are increasing in the country including the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar over the years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of oral cancer patients reported during the last three years and the amount of expenditure incurred on treatment of such patients, State-wise;

(d) whether consumption of tobacco products is a major contributor for the spread of cancer disease; and

(e) if so,the measures taken to create awareness among masses in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a & b): Data collected by National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP) functioning under the aegis of Indian Council of Medical Research shows an increasing trend of oral cancer at Delhi and Mumbai whereas decreasing trend in Bangalore. No data regarding oral cancer in the UT of Andaman & Nicobar regions are available since it has not been included in the network of (NCRP).

(c) No such data is centrally maintained. This Ministry released grant-in-aid under various scheme of National Cancer Control Programme(NCCP) on the recommendation of the concerned State Government which also include development of infrastructure, purchase of equipment, awareness activities etc. A state-wise and scheme-wise list of institutions to whom grant-in-aid have been given under NCCP during last three years for detection and treatment of cancer is Annexed

(d & e); Tobacco is a major cause of several cancers like mouth,throat,lungs esophagus etc.Under the iphgme of NCCP special emphasis is now being laid on early detection of caneer through screening, promoting health education, creating awareness etc. under District Cancer Control Programme. In addition, Government of India has implemented a comprehensive legislation for control of tobacco.use.